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Requirements Covering Gaps in Intelligence Information on  
Post and Telecommunications of Communist China

- REF : a) OHR Project 46.1578, "Economic Intelligence Survey of  
Communist China Post and Telecommunications Service",  
25 October 1957, S/NOFORN/CONT CONTROL.
- b) CIA/HR Economic Research Area, Analysts' Manual Notice,  
4 May 1955, finishing Procedures, subject: "Transmittal  
of Gaps in Intelligence Information as Collection  
Requirements at the Termination of Each Branch Project," S.

Background

(Secret)

The above referenced project contains the gaps which exist on  
the post and telecommunications sector of the economy of Communist  
China and in information provides the necessary background on this  
subject. The requirements set forth below cover these gaps in  
intelligence information. Each of the following requirements bears  
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Requirements

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A. Postal Service.

1. What is meant by "Operational Volume" and what does it  
include?

2. What is the total labor force in the postal system? Rural? Urban? What are the average wages?
3. How many post offices were there from 1950 to date? Of these how many provide telecommunications services? How many are main post offices, sub-stations, rural, etc.? How are these classes of offices defined?
4. What were the total revenues received by the postal service, 1950 to date? From what sources were these revenues derived? What percentage of revenue came from each source?
5. What are the costs of the postal service (total cost and unit costs) for the years 1950 to date?
6. What was the annual investment for the years 1950 to date? What amount of the postal service has been subsidized, 1950 to date?
7. How is the publication, distribution, delivery, and sale of newspapers and periodicals accounted in the postal system? Revenues? Expenses? How does this service affect the postal labor force?

B. Telephone and Telegraph Service.

1. How many radio telephone and radio telegraph stations were there, 1950 to date?
2. What is the capacity of the telephone and telegraph service?
3. How many telephone conversations were there in each year, 1950 to date? Local, long-distance domestic, and long-distance international? What revenues were received from each of these

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classifications? What percentage of calls are "paid calls"?

4. How many domestic and international telegraph messages were handled, 1950 to date? What is the average number of words per message? What revenues were received from this service? How many of these messages were "paid" messages?
5. What were the costs for operating the telephone and telegraph service, 1950 to date? How are the costs broken down?
6. What was the annual investment, 1950 to date? What was the percentage of total investment for the postal system, telephone and telegraph system, and broadcast system?
7. What is the total labor force in the telephone and telegraph system? What are the average wages?
8. What degree of subsidization for the telephone and telegraph service has there been, 1950 to date?

C. Radiobroadcasting.

1. How is the radiobroadcasting service related to the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications?
2. How many radiobroadcast receivers were in use, 1950 to date?
3. What are the definitions of: wire diffusion center, re-diffusion center, monitoring stations?
4. How many wired loudspeakers were in use, 1950 to date? What percentage of these are in rural areas? What is the average number of wired loudspeakers connected to a wire diffusion center?

5. What revenues were received from the radio and wired broadcasting services, 1950 to date?
6. What were the costs of operation of these services, 1950 to date?
7. What is the total labor force in the broadcasting system?  
What are the average wages?

D. Other Factors.

1. Give any information on total expenditures for the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications since 1950, including aggregate and units costs.
2. What percentage of the total budget for years 1950 to date did the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications receive?
3. What percentage of the total investment plan for years 1950 to date did the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications receive?
4. What is the capital value of all physical assets of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications? For the postal system, the telephone and telegraph system, and the broadcast system?

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